THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) The assumption of the Hon'ble Member is not correct that there is a complete ban on recruitment of posts. A number of posts have been created in various Union Territories on the basis of guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance with the approval of the competent authority after the ban order issued by the Ministry of Finance. There is no earmarked allocation to UTs for creation of posts. Union Territories obtain permission to utilise funds from one head of account to another head of account by way of re-appropreation if due to any unforeseen reasons the funds are not utilised in a particular head of account.

(d) Ministry of Finance have issued guidelines regarding proper utilisation of funds and manner of re-appropriation and the Union Territories have been following these instructions.

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension cases

*237. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension sanctioned in the year 1985;

(b) the number of applications still pending;

(c) the number of applications received for pension from freedom-fighters who had gone under-ground; and

(d) the number of cases sanctioned and rejected till 31st March, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (d) During the year 1985, pension has been sanctioned in 5478 cases. 72.082 applications are pending finalisation due to various reasons as on 31st March, 1986. Category-wise records of applications are not maintained by the Ministry. Out of 4,36,568 applications received under Freedom Fighters Pension Scheme, 1972 and Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980, 1,38,352 cases have been sanctioned and 2,26,134 cases have been rejected due to various reasons till 31st March, 1986.

Individual forest plantation drive in Arunachal Pradesh

*238. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to encourage individual forest plantation drive in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) and (b) With the establishment of the National Wastelands Development Board, the afforestation programme in the country now lays major emphasis on people's involvement. The National Land Use and Wastelands Development Council in its first meeting on 6th February, 1986, *inter alia* took the following decisions in order to promote people's involvement:—

1. Seedlings should be raised through people's nurseries, i.e. kisans, schools, women and youth groups.

2. Farmers should be encouraged to plant saplings on their field bunds/farms.

3. Tree Growers' Cooperatives must be promoted.

4. A Tree Patta Scheme should be formulated for enabling the landless to raise trees on Government/community lands.

These decisions are applicable uninformally to all States/U.Ts. and have been communicated to all, including Arunachal Pradesh. These steps are expected to encourage plantation by individuals.

Constitution of Evaluation Committee for the NCC

*239. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1120 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1985 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for delay in constituting the Evaluation Committee to go into the aims, objectives, training programme and achievements of the NCC; and

(b) by when the Committee is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The utility of constituting an Evaluation Committee was being considered afresh. However, it has now been agreed to set up a Committee to evaluate the working of the NCC and also to suggest its future role. The composition and terms of reference of the Committee are being finalised.

Law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir

*240. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Internal Security visited Kashmir sometime back to study the law and order situation there; and

(b) if so, on how many occasions pro-Pakistani slogans were raised in different parts of the State during the last 10 days of February last and what action has been taken in each case and how many temples, mosques and gurudwaras were damaged?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Although there is no information about the number of occasions on which Pro-Pakistani slogans were raised, yet according to the information furnished by the State Government, arrest of 765 persons, including 371 preventive arrests, was done during second fortnight of February, 1986 for antinational and other offences.

It may not be in public interest to give details about damages to places of public worship.

Demand of All India Central Council of Pensioners' Association

@1278. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Central Council of Pensioners' Association representing about 48 pensioners association all over the country has called on the Prime Minister in March, 1986 in regard to their demands;

(b) if so, what are the demands made; and

(c) what action is being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

@Previously Unstarred Question 711, transferred from the 29th April, 1986.